

HONORING UOFSC ALUMNUS, JOHN CARRINGTON

HON. JOE WILSON

OF SOUTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, a constituent of the South Carolina's Second Congressional District and University of South Carolina alumnus, John Carrington, has answered the call to help with the COVID-19 pandemic. John is the CEO of ZVerse, a digital manufacturing technology company based in Columbia, South Carolina, that is known for making 3D printing software. As the lack of personal protection equipment began to plague healthcare providers, ZVerse took initiative to transform operations to address the needs of these essential workers.

First starting with 3D printing and then shifting to the process of injection molding, ZVerse was able to create a large number of medical shields at an affordable price. By early June, ZVerse produced and shipped 4 million reusable protective face shields for health care workers with an additional 3 million more to follow. These shields shipped nationwide to recipients who need them most, ranging from local municipalities to the U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs.

ZVerse has now become the largest manufacturer in the country of reusable protective face shields and is now working to address the needs for workers outside of healthcare in need for this protection, such as restaurants and grocery stores. ZVerse has now doubled the amount of its employees and expects to continue growing in the coming year.

South Carolinians appreciate John for his leadership and active response to the pandemic and wish him continued success.

A special thanks to Megan Sexton at the University of South Carolina for covering this story and sharing the positive impacts of UofSC alumni.

**GEORGE FLOYD JUSTICE IN
POLICING ACT OF 2020**

SPEECH OF

HON. PETER A. DeFAZIO

OF OREGON

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Thursday, June 25, 2020

Mr. DeFAZIO. Mr. Speaker, nearly a month ago, our nation watched in horror as a white Minneapolis, MN police officer murdered George Floyd. His murder, and those of Breonna Taylor, Ahmaud Arbury, Rayshard Brooks, and far too many others, serve as a sobering reminder of the original sin on which our nation has been built—the brutal legacy of slavery, segregation, oppression, and discrimination spanning more than 400 years.

In the aftermath of George Floyd's murder, thousands of Americans peacefully assembled in every state and the District of Columbia to exercise their First Amendment rights to protest and petition their government for change. My hometown, which has a proud tradition of civic participation and free speech expression, saw the largest protest in our history as residents demanded immediate justice and reform.

On Tuesday, June 23, I held a listening session with Black Lives Matter activists, community organizers, and local officials to discuss systemic racism, police brutality, and what it will take to heal the deep wounds that still ail our nation. This session was powerful and moving, cementing my commitment to the eradication of racism in every corner of the nation. Racism is present in nearly every institution, every system.

One individual, whose family has lived in Oregon for generations, shared her family's experience growing up in segregated Eugene, OR. Her mother's two sisters, only four and six years old, were hit by a fast-moving vehicle and when community members called for help, no ambulance came. They both died. Why? Because the victims were two black girls. They were seen as less than human, and our public safety response treated them like they were. Racism is present in our public safety and emergency response.

A member of the CAHOOTS Crisis Response team also joined our discussion. CAHOOTS is a nonprofit in our district which provides mental health crisis intervention. Last year alone, CAHOOTS responded to roughly 20 percent of the area's 911 and public safety calls.

She shared how just a few weeks ago, she convinced an armed black man in crisis—surrounded by armed police—to disarm himself. She then escorted him to her van, uncuffed, and helped him receive the mental health intervention he needed. CAHOOTS is a model for what our future public safety response could look like, and heroes like her exemplify how an armed response may not always be the best or most appropriate response.

One activist spoke about her experience with racism in professional spaces. She told me about how her identity as a Black woman made her supervisors scrutinize her work more heavily and less willing to help when employees of color were dealing with personal struggles. Racism is present in our workplaces.

One community leader, joined by a separate activist, discussed disparities in mental health and how our healthcare system often fails Black Americans and people of color. They called for the creation of institutions that specialize in delivering mental health care to people of color because it's clear: racism is present in our healthcare system and its consequences can be fatal.

Racism is present in nearly every sector of American life, and everywhere around our nation, including in the progressive communities of Eugene and Springfield, where I call home. It is abundantly clear we have reached a tipping point. Americans will no longer tolerate antiquated systems of oppression. They are demanding that their government act, and I have heard their calls. I am committed to proactively working to dismantle institutional racism and oppression. It will take anti-racist policy and direct action to finally exorcise these evils and heal the wounds they created.

We must rethink and reform our institutions. The Justice in Policing Act is a critical first step; but make no mistake, much more work needs to be done. We must look at increasing funding for alternative public safety programs.

We must fight racism in every corner of the country. It is a cancer. Too long it has been ignored and allowed to grow and divide out of control. We must, and we will, take a stand here and now. Enough is enough.

TRIBUTE TO CLARENCE J. "BUD" BROWN, JR.

HON. JIM JORDAN

OF OHIO

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 26, 2020

Mr. JORDAN. Madam Speaker, I am honored to commend to the House the admirable service of former Congressman Clarence J. "Bud" Brown, Jr., on the occasion of his 93rd birthday on June 18.

Born in Columbus in 1927, Bud spent much of his youth in Washington, D.C., where his father, the late former Congressman Clarence J. Brown, Sr., represented Ohio's Seventh Congressional District from 1939 to 1965. Bud succeeded his father, serving in this House with distinction from 1965 to 1983. He was then selected by President Reagan to serve as the nation's fifth Deputy Secretary of Commerce.

From 1992 to 1999, Bud served as President and Chief Executive Officer of the United States Capitol Historical Society, which is dedicated to preserving the heritage and history of the Capitol. The Society honored him with its Freedom Award upon his retirement.

Bud and his wife, Joyce, are the proud parents of four children: Cate, Clancy, Roy, and Beth. Beth died at age seven after a three-year battle with leukemia. The foundation that Bud and Joyce established in her name has helped hundreds of high school graduates from Champaign County study medicine and related careers in college.

Madam Speaker, Bud Brown has been a personal friend and mentor for decades. We are grateful that good men like Bud commit their lives to public service and inspire others to follow in their footsteps.

**SAVANNAH RIVER NATIONAL
LABORATORY FELLOWS**

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Mr. WILSON of South Carolina. Madam Speaker, congratulations to four Savannah River National Laboratory staff that have been named Fellows. This distinguishable title and achievement of Laboratory Fellow was awarded to Dr. Ralph James, Joe Cordaro, Dr. David Diprete, and Dr. Robert "Bob" Sindelar.

Dr. Ralph James, Associate Laboratory Director, Science and Technology, has over 35 years of experience in research and development in multiple fields, including nonproliferation, national security, environmental remediation, nuclear medicine, energy, and astrophysics. An avid inventor, Dr. James has 24 patents on radiation detection, spectroscopy and imaging, and has over 600 scientific publications, six book chapters, and 15 invited review articles. He has been awarded numerous international honors for his work on nuclear detection and imaging and has received six R&D100 awards.

Joe Cordaro has worked at the Savannah River National Laboratory since 1989. He is recognized across the Department of Energy complex and internationally as an expert in nuclear instrumentation, process control, and